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IBACH APPOINTED TO U.S. TRADE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

LINCOLN - Nebraska Agriculture Director Greg Ibach has been appointed to a trade advisory committee that provides counsel to the Office of the United State Trade Representative (USTR). Ibach, through his affiliation with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA), will serve as the voice of agriculture on the USTR's Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (IGPAC).

Through this committee, Ibach will have the opportunity to advise the USTR on international trade agreements and other trade matters, particularly with respect to the benefits of international trade for agriculture. The IGPAC was formed to provide insight from state and local governments on the activities of the USTR.

"I am pleased with the opportunity to represent NASDA and Nebraska agriculture on this critical trade advisory committee," said Ibach. "International trade is vital for American agriculture, and I look forward to advocating for increased trade opportunities on behalf of American agricultural producers."

Director Ibach has over 10 years of experience promoting Nebraska's agricultural goods and addressing trade policy issues in the international marketplace on behalf of the state. His experience as NASDA's vice president and chairman of the Marketing and International Trade Committee will bring a national-level agricultural perspective to the IGPAC. Ibach will serve as NASDA's President in 2016 and will host NASDA's Centennial Annual Meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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